

"The president's call last night to escalate the Iraq war flies in the face of the voters who clearly called for a change in our Iraq policy last November. I have long opposed the Administration's war in Iraq and today I am introducing a bill to repeal the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq and force the president withdraw our troops from Iraq. Too many troops have died, too many have been wounded, and Iraq has descended into a violent civil war. Our men and women in uniform have served valiantly, but the solution to the crisis in Iraq is political and will not be reached by keeping our troops in harm's way," said Farr.

Farr's legislation, H.R. 413, simply reads:

*SECTION 1. REPEAL OF PUBLIC LAW 107-243.*

*The Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Public Law 107-243; 50 U.S.C. 1541 note) is hereby repealed.*

*SEC. 2. WITHDRAWAL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM IRAQ.*

*The President of the United States shall provide for the withdrawal of units and members of the United States Armed Forces deployed in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom in a safe and orderly manner.*

"The longer this war drags on, the clearer it becomes that it is the wrong war at the wrong time for the wrong reasons. Trying to make up for the fact that the Administration insisted on going into Iraq with too few troops more than three years ago by escalating our involvement now is not a 'new strategy.' There is a way forward, but that way is through withdrawing, not sending more troops," added Farr.